

February 27, 2023

The City Council of the City of Clyde, Texas, met in a Special Meeting at Clyde City Hall, 222 Oak Street, Clyde, Texas on February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Rodger Brown presiding. Councilmembers present: Rodger Brown, Paul McGuire, Thomas Martin, James Rector, Tammie Coffman, and Danny A. White.

Staff present: City Administrator Chris McGuire, City Secretary Connie Thornton, Community Development Director Terry Davis, Librarian Linda Cavanaugh, Public Information Specialist Nancy Woods, Public Works Director Jerry Perkins, Chief of Police Robert Dalton, Police Officer Shawn Crouch, Animal Control Officer Amber Lindsey, and Fire Chief Richy Barr.

An open meeting was held concerning the following subjects:

1.0 CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCE A QUORUM IS PRESENT

At 6:02 p.m., Mayor Brown called the meeting to order and announced a quorum was present.

2.0 INVOCATION

Given by Mayor Brown.

3.0 PLEDGES TO U.S. AND TEXAS FLAGS

All – led by Mayor Brown.

4.0 COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Brown opened public comments at 6:03 p.m.

As there were no comments, Mayor Brown closed the public comments at 6:04 p.m.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 *White moved and Rector seconded to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 10, 2023, and the special meeting of January 23, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.*

7.0 REGULAR AGENDA

7.1 Chris said the EDC is wanting to annex the 40 acres it purchased into the city limits. If the city chooses to annex staff will get with Jacob and Martin and get the city limit map updated.

McGuire moved and Martin seconded to approve annexation process to annex property owned by the EDC and described as Being 40.279 acres out of the Southwest One-Quarter of Section No. 76, B.B.B. & C. R.R. Company Lands, Callahan County, Texas. Motion carried unanimously.

7.2 Chris stated this is the 2nd step in the annexation process for the council to set a date and time for the public hearing.

White moved and Martin seconded to approve A RESOLUTION SETTING A DATE, TIME, AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION OF

CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF CLYDE, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY SECRETARY TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SAME. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7.3** Members of the Clyde Little League Board, President Clint Carlile, 625 Robinhood Court, Clyde, Texas, Holly Copher, 1436 CR 631, Clyde, Texas, and David Neuman, 1107 Woodland Drive, Clyde, Texas addressed the city council. Mrs. Copher gave a handout to the city council and stated she had grown up here in Clyde and was thankful to the council and city for the new sports complex. However, she would like to see the old fields remain usable for the boys baseball and girls softball. Currently there are 215 boys in little league and 190 girls in softball. The little league has 13-15 practices a week. As of now, the junior league cannot be played on after dark due to the lights not functioning. To have the lights functioning on the junior league field will cost approximately \$17,000.00. Brown asked if that included the wiring and Mr. Carlile stated it did and Mr. Neuman said that includes the 4 poles in the outfield. Ms. Copher continued by saying there were many expenses the little league pays for such as uniforms, equipment, field maintenance, etc.

John Chesser, 6090 CR 252, Clyde, Texas addressed council saying he has lived in Clyde his whole life and been involved with softball and just wants to make sure the council is being transparent on what the future of the fields are going to be. He said there are unknowns at this point and feel like if people don't know, they will just make things up. Mr. Chesser stated him, and a couple of other guys mow the softball fields themselves so they can save the money it would cost to pay someone to maintain them.

Mayor Brown responded by saying the current council have all been involved in the little league or softball league at one time or another and understands the importance of having the leagues for the children. He also added the council is as transparent as it can be, and anyone is invited to show up for any council meeting to observe the decisions being made unfortunately they don't until some issue directly affects them. He said he was on the Clyde Parks Board when it was turned over to the city because they needed to belong to an entity in order to put in for grants. The grants did not work out and the Parks Board dissolved.

Sarah Kent, 2517 Fran Circle, Clyde, Texas says there needs to be a full understanding of the scheduling process so they can use the new fields. She says the intent is good and everybody is just trying to move forward.

Scott Berry, 3385 FM 604 N., Clyde, Texas inquired if the city could get gray water out to the ball fields to help cut down on the amount of the water bill to Callahan County Water Service. Brown replied there was no gray water at this time.

A few other residents spoke on behalf of the Little League and Softball, Brett Siegfried, 209 Bryant Road, Clyde, Texas, Jeremiah Park, 220 Stephens, Clyde, Texas, Chris English, FM 604 North, Clyde, Texas saying they would like the current fields maintained and being put to good use for the kids.

Patti Stennett, 1514 Hunters Glen, Clyde, Texas stated when she was involved with the little league all the maintenance and repairs were done by individuals who just wanted to help. She said the fields need to be kept and keep moving forward.

Mike Walker, 309 Shalimar Dr., Clyde, Texas said there are 40-acres out there and only 20 are being utilized could the other 20 be sold off and the money given to the little league for lights, repairs, etc. Brown said we are consulting with our attorney to find out exactly what the city can actually legally do with the 40 acres. Kent asked about the city helping with funding for the lights. City administrator, Chris McGuire, explained it is mid-budget and no expenses were funded for this in the budget. The time to ask for funding is when the budget is being presented and prepared so it can be included.

Councilmember Coffman, reminded everyone the agendas are posted on line, in the paper and outside of city hall and encouraged people to start attending the meetings and not use the excuse that they didn't know about them. She also was concerned with what happened to community to just giving and not expecting some kind of return on their money. She encouraged the little league and softball to reach out to seniors in our community who are grandparents or retirees who would probably like to help either financially or just providing transportation to kids for practices or games. Coffman asked for a list of the teams, their names and how many kids on each team and asked that it please be emailed to her.

Chris stated one of the first things that is looked at in a community is the quality of life for developers and knows things like softball and baseball fall into that category. It is hard to know how to fund this with city of Clyde citizens taxpayer's monies when other communities are mainly using these facilities.

Brown thanked all the citizens for showing up and voicing their opinions as this is how council gets educated to what the community needs. Should the little league move forward with repairing the lights the city will waive the permit fee.

- 7.4** Nan Woods addressed council saying all requirements have been met to come out of provisional status for the Keep Clyde Beautiful program. Nan has been in contact and being mentored from an individual in Andrews, Texas which is a full affiliate of the program. Now it is time to appoint a board. It will be a board of 5 people, Stephen Kniffen, Terry Coffman, Danny A. White, Shyla Foutz and Amanda Chavez if the council approves.

Martin moved and Rector seconded to approve the 5-person board for the Keep Clyde Beautiful program consisting of Stephen Kniffen, Terry Coffman, Danny A. White, Shyla Foutz and Amanda Chavez. Motion carried unanimously.

- 7.5** Chris informed council the Clyde CISD approached the EDC board asking for assistance with hiring a full-time counselor for Texas Workforce Commission. The program is set up to be a bridging strategy to help kids. The school will fund 80% of the program and the EDC would assist with the other 20%. The program should be fully funded by the state next year and should not require assistance from the EDC after that. Coffman asked if it included apprenticeships, Chris said it would.

Martin moved and Coffman seconded to approve the Clyde EDC funding Clyde CISD \$20,000.00 for the TWC job training program. Motion carried with McGuire abstaining due to being a Clyde CISD employee.

- 7.6 Chris reminded council this is a yearly resolution from the Lloyd Gosselink law firm which represents 184 cities for the Atmos rate negotiations. Our attorney has already looked it over and signed off on the resolution.

Rector moved and McGuire seconded to adopt A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FIVE CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION. Motion carried unanimously.

8.0 **EXECUTIVE SESSION** *(The Council may enter into Closed or Executive Session to discuss the following:)*

The council entered into executive session at 9:32 p.m.
The council returned to open session at 10:41 p.m.


No action taken.

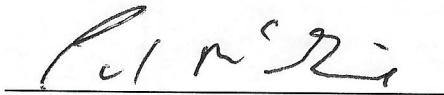
9.0 **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Councilmember White inquired about the \$10,000.00 payment to the Boys and Girls Club. Thornton explained that was a yearly payment to assist them it used to be \$50,000.00 a year when they first started and has now dropped to the \$10,000.00 a year.

10.0 **ADJOURNMENT**

McGuire moved and Rector seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.


Connie Thornton, City Secretary


Paul McGuire, Mayor Pro-Tem